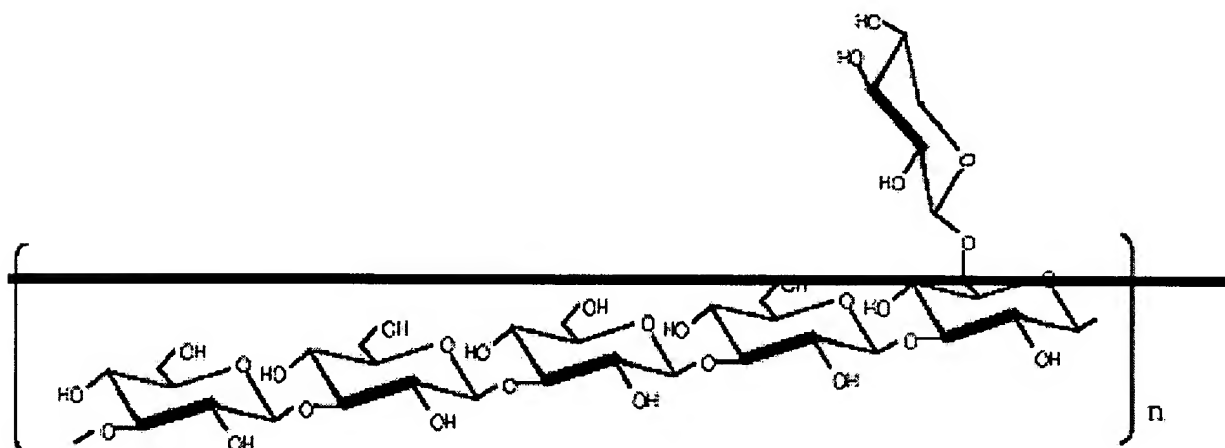


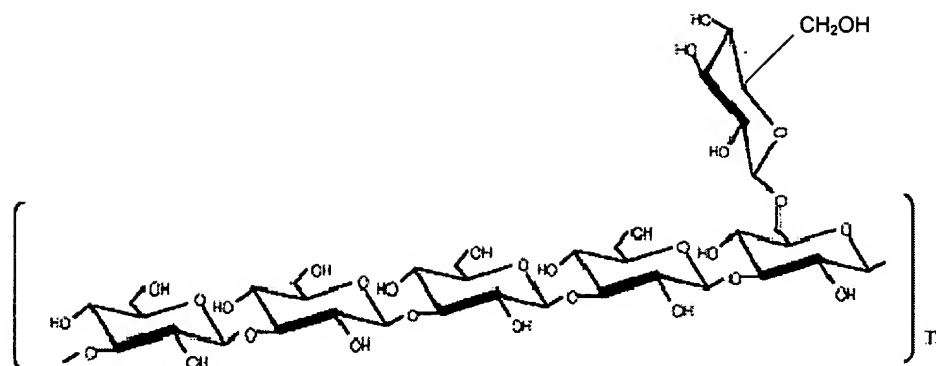
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) ~~A composition for prevention and treatment of osteoporosis comprising beta-1, 3/1, 6-glucan as an effective ingredient~~ A method for treating osteoporosis by administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of beta-1,3/1,6 glucan, characterized in that said beta-1,3/1,6 glucan is produced from *Aureobasidium pullulans* SM2001 (SCCM 10307) and represented by the following formula 1 having a ~~lactic acid~~lactate as a substituent:

**Formula 1:**



2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).